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COLLECTING A BIOLOGICAL FLUID TO  
WHICH A SELECTED RATION OF SOLUTION  
IS ADDED**

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<u>Foreign Patent</u>	<u>U.S. /English Corresponding Document</u>
EP 1442758	U.S. 2004/186408.
EP 1442759	U.S. 7,503,901.

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